

GREY CLOCK ON TOP OF EL PASO BUILDING TO RECORD THE TIME

Back in a little city of northern Indiana there is a fountain flowing perpetually to the memory of the father and mother of Gen. Anson Mills.

This monument was erected last year by the distinguished citizen-soldier in memory of his parents. It was a gift to the city of Thornton, his birthplace, and the only requirement the general made was that the water should flow perpetually through the fountain.

El Paso is to have a perpetual reminder of the love Gen. Mills has for the city which he did so much to make great. On the top of the beautiful new 12-story Anson Mills building, which is to be built on the twin plazas, a clock

will be placed with illuminated dials which can be seen from all parts of the city and surrounding country.

This clock will be the gift of Gen. Mills to the city and citizens of El Paso. Although the contract has not yet been let for the clock, the general has signified his intention of installing it on the top of the new building when it is completed.

As El Paso has no municipal timepiece at the present time, although the county is to install one in the courthouse tower, the installation of a clock with four dials, each large enough to be seen from all parts of the city and surrounding valleys, will be a gift which will be of service to every resident of El Paso and will be a perpetual reminder of the greatness of the man whose genius is partly responsible for the present growth of the city of his adoption.

Anticipating the increase of the fire insurance rates, the Krakauer, Zork & Moyer company is having every possible appliance added to its new building on San Francisco street that will reduce the rate of insurance on the structure. Automatic fire sprinklers, wire glass windows and fireproof framework construction have been used in the new building, and it is expected that this building will set the lowest rate of any in the city when it is completed and the fire hazard figured.

SIGNING UP REALTY ACTIVITY IS KEEPING UP WELL FOR MILLS BUILDING

Contract to Be Drawn Saturday—Work on Other New Business Houses.

SKYLINE CHANGES RAPIDLY DOWNTOWN

The Mills building will be turned over to the H. L. Stevens company, the contractors, who will build the new 12-story skyscraper, on Monday.

The contract will be signed Saturday by H. L. Stevens, the president of the company, who arrived from Houston Saturday morning for the purpose of closing up the contract.

The walls have not been wrecked and nothing is now left of the old Mills building but a heap of rubbish and memories.

The contract for the new 4-story Caple building will be let Monday and work will begin on this addition to the San Antonio street skyline.

The foundation for the Reckhart building is now in place and the brick work will start the first of the week. The Schultz building basement is poured and the first floor is being poured by the contractors.

The stone veneer of the K. Z. & M. 3-story building is being added and the third floor is now being added to the Vogue building.

H. C. Brubaker, of the firm of Brubaker and Stearns, architects, of Indianapolis, is here to inspect the progress of the construction work on the Krakauer, Zork & Moyer building, and the Schultz building on San Francisco, the plans for which were drawn by that firm.

The Indianapolis company also has the contract for the new Federal building, the plans for which are now being drawn.

The fifth floor of the Roberts-Banner building is now being built in skeleton form and the concrete men will pour the final floor of the building the first of the week, and the supports for the top of the skyscraper will then be added.

The fireproof tile for the walls and partitions of the building are now being unloaded and will be laid while the final story and roof are being poured.

VOCABULARY OF CONCRETE MEN

From Pouring It Was Running and Now It Is Shooting.

It is difficult to keep up with the vocabulary of the concrete workers. First it was poured. As soon as this became commonly known and was being used by the laymen the concrete workers sprung a new one. This was "running," as applied to the process of distributing the concrete mixture over the surface to be covered.

Running was hardly learned by the rubbernecks who swarmed around the new buildings until the busy bees who are responsible for the accompanying switch to "shooting." This term originated with the workers at the Schultz and Krakauer buildings, where the pipe system is used for conveying the mixed concrete to the top of the building. From this is conveyed the concrete by means of a hopper and series of metal pipes.

The concrete mixer is located in the basement of the building and the mixed material is hoisted to the top of the tower by means of a bucket hoist.

This system is an improvement over the use of wheelbarrows and Mexicans. The work for the day is accomplished in a much smaller space of time, as the concrete is conveyed to the work and poured as rapidly as it can be mixed.

SCHOOLS CLOSE WITH A PROGRAM AT VALENTINE

Valentine, Tex., May 14.—The rendition of an interesting program marked the close of the public school with D. A. Grimes, principal, and Miss Eula Lee Thomas assisting.

The pupils participating were: Ethel Scannell, Stella Youngblood, Florence Finley, Eula McBride, Zora Finley, Annie Youngblood, Mary Smith, Lillian Smith, Wilton Youngblood, Bird Parker and Mary Smith.

Miss Anna Blanche George and Eula Lee Thomas also participated.

For the first time, the school principal, Mr. Grimes, and his daughter, Florence, have returned to their river ranch.

The Misses Giletti, who live on a ranch near Marfa, are guests at the C. O. Finley home.

Mrs. W. W. Gravenburg, who has been ill, is improving.

A rain fell over the Valentine valley.

POLICEMAN WINS MAN'S CONFIDENCE—ARRESTS HIM.

Officer Early Says He Planned Safe Cracking With Watson, Now Held For Theft From Person.

While Watson, charged with theft from the person of C. W. Jamison, was bound over to the grand jury in the eastern district, Officer Early, before Justice McClintock Friday afternoon, Officer Barney Early testified that he and Watson had arranged to blow up the safe of the brewery in East El Paso and he let the man believe that he was working with him. However, Watson came to him later, Early stated, and said he had made a touch and showed him \$110.

MILLICAN TO REACH. At the First Baptist church, Rev. L. R. Millican, a former pastor, will preach Sunday morning and evening at the usual hours, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Robert Bruce Smith, who is attending the Southern Baptist convention in Baltimore. Miss Lizzie Garrett will render a solo, "A Heavenly Song," at the evening service.

WANTS TREATY WITH MEXICO FULFILLED

Senator Pins Ballinger Down and Wants to Know Why the Work Is Delayed.

BALLINGER SAYS HE WILL ACT

Will Give Mr. Root and Investigating Committee His Reasons for Delays.

Washington, D. C., May 14.—Elihu Root, senator from New York and ex-secretary of state, has taken a hand in the Elephant Butte dam matter and wants to see the work completed. Mr. Root is thoroughly posted on the merits of the project, and believes that the dam should be completed at the earliest possible moment, in justice to Mexico if for no other reason. And he says he means to see that there is no further delay, if he can prevent it.

In the Ballinger-Finch investigation Friday afternoon, senator Root, after reading the treaty with Mexico and the law appropriating a million dollars for the project, renewed his former request to secretary Ballinger, who was on the stand, for full information as to why the work on the Rio Grande project is not progressing, pursuant to the treaty with Mexico and the existing law.

Root's attitude was very positive and determined. Ballinger promised to promptly furnish a written statement.

SAYS NEW MEXICO JUDGES CORRUPT

Santa Fe Man Makes Startling Charge in Washington to Senate.

Washington, D. C., May 14.—At the hearing of the senate judiciary committee, John P. Wagner, of Santa Fe, said all judges in New Mexico were corrupt and subsided by the railroads.

Delegate Andrews first declared this statement untrue. Then Catron, judge Mann, Dobson and others did likewise. Three New Mexico indios who had been decided in a few days.

RAILROAD FOR AN ARIZONA COUNTY

El Paso, Texas, May 14.—Delegate Ralph Cameron, of Arizona, has secured the approval of the secretary of the interior of right of way maps and station ground plans for the Humboldt Verde valley railway in Yavapai county.

The forest service will issue its orders today, increasing some and decreasing other reserves in Arizona.

PLAYING SEMI-FINALS IN GOLF

Contest At Country Club Is Rapidly Narrowing to Finish.

The semi-finals of the Country club golf championship and consolation matches are now on. The second round reduced the list of eligibles for the honors in the two flights to four contestants in each flight, and the semi-finals will be played off Saturday and Sunday. The winners of these matches will play for the club championship next week. Those in the first flight will play for the coveted cup, and those in the second flight for a special prize offered by the club.

In the second round of play in the championship contest, B. C. Preston won from A. V. Sterling, Dr. James Vance from W. W. Houck, J. C. Wilmarth from F. J. Edwards, and C. H. Leavitt from J. A. Waters. This leaves Preston, Vance and Wilmarth and Leavitt paired for the semi-finals.

In the second flight J. B. Buckner won from W. H. Shelton, J. C. Wright from C. H. Leavitt, and J. A. Waters from Frank Coles and W. E. Race from W. M. Petticoles. The lineup for the semi-finals in this flight is Buckner and Wright, Wilson and Race.

FINES HIMSELF \$1 FOR VAGRANCY IN POLICE COURT.

Youngsters Who Bathe in Canal Fined \$5 by Judge Len, Who Remitted Fines—Mar to Rock Pile.

M. Pedragon, alias El Sueno, the only man in El Paso who is always permitted to fix his own sentence, fined himself \$1 in police court Saturday morning when arraigned on a charge of vagrancy.

Pedragon is a puzzle to the police. For several months he has been apparently suffering from the sleeping sickness and always signifies a desire to be confined in the jail. A victim of the morphine habit, was arraigned on a charge of vagrancy and sentenced to serve ten days on the rock pile, Judge Lea telling him that he believed it would be beneficial for him to get out in the open air.

Paul Roda, Harry Rattenbury and W. J. Deck, the oldest 14 and the youngest 12 years of age, were arraigned on a charge of bathing in a nude condition in the canal. Each of the youngsters was fined \$3, but the fines were remitted upon their giving promises to keep away from the water.

TO PREACH TO YOUNG MEN.

Rev. W. L. Head, of Atlanta, is conducting a revival at the East El Paso Baptist church. He will preach Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., and on Monday evening will take for his text "The Fast Young Man."

CITIZENS PROTEST AT THE INSURANCE RATES

El Pasoans Declare the New Rates Unjust and Appoint a Committee to Recommend Just What Steps to Be Taken—Agent of the Actuary Tries to Explain the Situation.

The net result in action of the lengthy meeting held at the chamber of commerce Friday night under the auspices of the chamber of commerce to discuss the matter of the raise in insurance rates under a new state insurance law, was a motion authorizing the appointment of a committee of nine to decide what action should be taken in the matter. The committee will be appointed by president D. M. Payne, of the board of directors of the chamber of commerce, Saturday and the committee will report back to the board of directors next Wednesday night.

The meeting originally planned to be held was the Retail Merchants' league, which a number of insurance people were to attend and participate in, but on account of the fact that so few of the members of the league were present, the meeting became a general one.

Acting Agent Is Heard.

At the outset A. H. Rodas representative of the fire insurance actuary, who has opened offices in the City National bank building, was introduced by Horace H. Stevens. Mr. Rodas read a text an editorial in The Herald of the issue of the 13th, entitled "The New Insurance Rates," to which he took exceptions. While admitting that the rates were high, he stated that they were based on complete investigations of risks to which the properties protesting were exposed. He said that he did not believe the property owners of El Paso should take any organized action or make any organized complaint until the new rating had been thoroughly tested and tried out. He cited a specific instance of a piece of property, showing wherein it failed to come up to the standard specifications required by insurance companies, and showed where the rating could be lowered by complying with the specifications, stating that 40 cents could be taken off the rate in this instance by a general house cleaning.

Filled With Questions.

Mr. Rodas, while on the floor, was asked a number of questions, but his answers did not seem to satisfy the questioners. Several of the larger property owners were there with cocked and primed kicks, and it was evident that the meeting would not accede to Mr. Rodas' request to delay action until the rates were tried out. In some cases it developed that about 100 property owners make the improvements suggested by the insurance men in order to make the specifications standard, they would even then not be able to get the rates which they formerly got.

Mr. Rodas was asked by Mr. Stevens to state how the new rates had been received in other parts of the state. He said the people were amazed at the rates, but that the complaint had since been withdrawn. The people of Fort Worth had raised \$10,000 with which to fight the new law, but he understood that the complaint had also been laid aside. At Dallas the rates have been lowered all over town, but that city had probably been paying a higher rate than El Paso. Dallas' key rate is now 27 cents, whereas El Paso's is 50 cents.

Hudspeth and Slater.

Claud Hudspeth, state senator for the El Paso district, was present at the meeting and stated his connection with the new law. He was chairman of the committee to which it was referred in the senate. He was personally opposed to the law, he said, but he yielded to the desires and judgment of his constituents who petitioned him on behalf of the law, and the bill was reported on favorably after having been kept in committee for two months. He said that from the first he thought he saw the cloven hoof of a certain man in Austin in the bill, but that he so far yielded to the importunities of friends of the bill to report it from committee.

Stevens Defends Measure.

H. B. Stevens, explaining his stand on the question, said that he had approved the law, and that he still approved it, and he believed that when the changes suggested by the insurance companies to effect standardization of specifications were made in El Paso the city would enjoy the lowest rates it had ever had. The Texas law was patterned after the Kansas insurance law, under which the rates in that state had been greatly reduced. Recently, he said, the state of Nebraska sent a commission to Kansas to study the law and its workings with a view to making a similar insurance law for the state of Nebraska.

Other talks were many by property owners present, and nearly all voiced the sentiment that the new ratings for El Paso are unjust and unreasonable and favored an early movement for remedial measures.

After the passage of the motion authorizing the appointment of a committee of nine to decide what steps it was best to take in the matter, the meeting adjourned.

MIXING CONCRETE FOR NEW BANK FOUNDATION.

The concrete mixers are now running at the site of the new bank, mixing material for the basement of the American National bank building.

The American National gave away a large number of souvenir post cards of the new building during the bankers' week. The building is shown from the Oregon street front, and is the first picture yet made from the architect's drawings of the new bank building, which will be seven stories high and will be reinforced concrete with brick and terra cotta veneer on the two street fronts.

MORE IMPROVEMENTS IN MILLS STREET ARE NOTED.

The appearance of Mills street continues to change for the better. In addition to the work being done by Loomis Bros. the Chicago cafe is having a new glass front put in the building just east of the Orndorff hotel. The Orndorff itself is also to have a new coat of paint.

REMODELING OFFICE.

Loomis Bros. are remodeling the office room on the corner of Stanton and Mills street, and will occupy it permanently as a real estate office. Partitions are being built to divide the large room into a number of smaller offices and the front of the building is being repainted.

THREE COTTAGES.

A. Ellis is building three cottages on Brown and Montana street for the Mayfield Realty company. The cottages will be five and six-room brick buildings for rental purposes.

CORPORATION CLERK LEAVES.

Corporation clerk Pete Chandler leaves for Mexico Sunday evening. He will be gone on a week's vacation and while absent his place will be taken by policeman Smith.

ROBE BOON IN SANATORIUM FOR BABIES AT CLONDOFFT

A number of changes have been made in the plans of the baby sanatorium which is to be built at Clondorff this summer. Krause & Reeser, who have donated the plans for the building, have a revised drawing of the sanatorium which shows the changes which have been incorporated into the plans of the building.

Little change has been made in the main floor plan, except that a bath has been added in place of the private ward adjoining the kitchen, making three private wards on the first floor.

By changing the roof from a continuous to a broken one, it has been possible to make the entire second floor into dormitory and ward rooms, which will be occupied by the nurses and private patients. There are 10 of these rooms on the second floor and an additional bath on this floor.

This gives much more room in the building, as it was originally intended to have only the nurses' dormitory rooms on the second floor.